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SUBJ: GENEVA BASED UN SYSTEM STAFF TO STRIKE NOVEMBER 29

1. AT 0945 ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29 THE STAFF OF UN SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA WILL HOLD A DEMONSTRATION IN THE FORM OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A QTE DIGNIFIED WORK STOPPAGE UNQTE FOR ONE HALF DAY TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE URGENCY OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO PENSIONS. THE STRIKE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY CAFIG (COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNCTIONAIRES UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL OF GENEVA) WHICH IS AN UNOFFICIAL

AGGLOMERATION OF FICSA REPRESENTATIVES IN  
VARIOUS AGENCIES IN GENEVA.

2. ACCORDING TO BARBOSA, UNOG DIRECTOR FOR  
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, THE UN  
HAS AGREED PERMIT AN ORDERLY MEETING IN THE PALAIS,  
AT WHICH A RESOLUTION MAY BE ADOPTED. BARBOSA  
ALSO SAID THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THE DEMONSTRATION  
WAS OF GENEVA ORIGIN AND, ALTHOUGH HE HAD HEARD  
FROM A FORMER COLLEAGUE IN VIENNA THAT THE STAFF  
ASSOCIATION THERE WAS INTERESTED IN THE IDEA, HE  
HAD IMPRESSION THAT, THUS FAR, ONLY GENEVA  
ASSOCIATIONS WERE INVOLVED.

3. ALTHOUGH DIRECTED IN SUPPORT OF PENSION REFORMS  
BARBOSA STATED THAT ASSOCIATIONS ALSO SEEK  
POSITIVE ACTION AND RELIEF THROUGH INCREASES IN  
PAY AND ALLOWANCES. BARBOSA SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE  
AS TO WHETHER STRIKERS WOULD BE CHARGED SICK OR  
ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THEIR ABSENCE FROM WORK. SUCH DECISION  
HE SAID WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM NEW YORK.

4. A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF THE STRIKE PLANS IN QTE LA  
SUISSE UNQTE OF NOVEMBER 26 STATES THAT ACCORDING TO  
CAFIG QTE UN ADMINISTRATION IN GENEVA SHARES OUR  
VIEWPOINT (RE PENSIONS) HOWEVER DECISIONS MUST BE  
TAKEN BY THE MEMBERS IN NEW YORK UNQTE.

5. ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, THE UNION SYNDICALE  
OF PERSONNEL OF THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, HAS  
EXPRESSED GREAT RESERVE WITH RESPECT TO THE STRIKE  
CALLING IT A MANEUVER BY THE UN ADMINISTRATION TO  
DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE PENSIONS PROBLEM THEREBY  
RELIEVING PRESSURE UPON THE SALARY INCREASE QUESTION.

6. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER THE UNOG/DG WINSPEARE  
HAS EXPRESSED HIS SYMPATH FOR THE STAFF STATING  
THAT QTE HE SHARES THE ANXIETIES OF SOME OF THE  
PERSONNEL WITH RESPECT TO THIS SITUATION WHICH  
CONCERNS, IN HIS OPINION, NOT ONLY PENSIONS BUT  
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ALSO THE EFFECT OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ON  
EMPLOYEES PAID IN DOLLARS. UNQTE HE ALSO IS  
QUOTED AS SAYING THAT QTE THE MATTER SHOULD BE  
POSED TO THE GOVERNMENTS WHO ARE THE TRUE EMPLOYERS  
OF THE UN UNQTE.

7. MISSION WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS  
OF INTEREST, INCLUDING ANY SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION WHICH

MAY COME FROM A PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 12 O'CLOCK  
NOVEMBER 26 BY THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS'S SPOKESMEN. ABRAMS

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